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1. SUMMARY. CANADIAN WIRE SERVICE STORY ON FORTHCOMING MACEACHEN-KISSINGER MEETING IN WASHINGTON ALLEGES MONTREAL MEETING CANCELLED OVER U.S. DISPLEASURE AT CANADIAN POSITION ON TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN OLYMPICS. ARTICLE CLAIMS WASHINGTON TALKS TIMED TO GIVE KISSINGER EXCUSE TO STAY AWAY FROM REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. REPORT CITES BORDER TELEVISION AS ONE OF "TOUGH SUBJECTS" ON AGENDA FOR TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ITEM BYLINED BRUCE LEVETT DATELINED WASHINGTON AUGUST 10 WAS CARRIED IN CANADIAN PRESS WIRE SERVICE. TRUNCATED VERSION APPEARED IN AUGUST 11 GLOBE AND MAIL AND ITEM WILL PRESUMABLY BE REPEATED IN OTHER CANADIAN PAPERS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. A MEETING BETWEEN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN AND U.S. STATE SECRETARY HENRY KISSINGER -- ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MONTREAL BUT CALLED OFF DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES CONTROVERSY OVER ADMISSION OF TAIWANESE ATHLETES -- HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR HERE AUG. 17-18.

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REPORTS THAT THE ORIGINAL MEETING WAS CANCELLED OVER U.S. DISPLEASURE AT THE CANADIAN STAND WERE DENIED HEATEDLY AT THE TIME BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH PLEADED "SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES". KISSINGER IS TO ENTERTAIN MACEACHEN AT DINNER ON TUESDAY, WITH THE CANADIAN MINISTER RECIPROCATING AT LUNCH THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY TIMING OF THE KISSINGER-MACEACHEN TALKS HAS BEEN DELIBERATE TO GIVE THE STATE SECRETARY A VALID EXCUSE TO STAY AWAY FROM NEXT WEEK'S REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY, MO., AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAS BEEN CHOSEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

DUCKS POLITICS

KISSINGER HAS MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE ON THE DIVISIVE REPUBLICAN STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND RONALD REAGAN, FOLLOWING EARLY CRITICISM THAT THE STATE SECRETARY HAD BEEN OPENLY SUPPORTING FORD. KISSINGER VISITED MACEACHEN IN OTTAWA IN OCTOBER, 1975, AN OCCASION THAT TOUCHED OFF CONTROVERSY WHEN A MICROPHONE WAS LEFT OPEN DURING A DINNER, BROADCASTING INTO THE NEWS ROOM PERSONAL REMARKS BY KISSINGER CONCERNING A VARIETY OF PERSONS, INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

SINCE THEN, THE TWO HAVE MET AT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS AND OSLO, AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN NAIROBI, AND AT THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN PUERTO RICO LAST MONTH.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS WILL BE "A CONTINUATION OF THIS DIALOGUE". OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, SAY THERE ARE SOME TOUGH SUBJECTS ON THE AGENDA, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS CANADA'S TAX BILL C-58 WHICH AFFECTS U.S. BORDER TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND WHICH HAS BROUGHT CRIES FOR RETALIATION FROM CONGRESS.

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A GROUP OF KEY SENATORS HAS ASKED KISSINGER TO ATTEMPT TO OPEN "IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS" WITH CANADA "ON THE ENTIRE RANGE OF CANADIAN POLICIES ADVERSELY AFFECTING U.S. BORDER BROADCAST STATIONS..."

THE SENATORS HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT BILL TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT POWER TO IMPOSE A 50-PERCENT EXCISE TAX

ON THE SALE OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO CANADA UNLESS
PROPOSED CANADIAN BROADCAST POLICIES ARE CHANGED.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SAID IT HAS EXPRESSED
U.S. CONCERN ON THE ISSUE IN THE PAST AND HAS SENT A
LIST OF PROPOSALS TO CANADA FOR STUDY.

IT IS EXPECTED THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT AT NEXT
WEEK'S MEETING HERE TO SCHEDULE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS ON
THE SUBJECT. END TEXT.
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